

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14-20 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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21. (new) A method of manufacturing a cellulosic/polymer product, said method consisting essentially of:

mixing together a composite consisting essentially of:

(a) at least one cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight of said composite; and

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(b) at least one polypropylene material in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight of said composite, said at least one polypropylene material comprised of at least one lubricant in an amount of about 10 to about 20 parts per 100 parts of a polypropylene resin,

transferring said composite to an extruder independent of a pelletizing step; and extruding said composite through a die to form a final shape.

22. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein said at least one cellulosic filler is in an amount of about 40% to about 50% by weight of said composite.

23. (new) The method of 21 wherein said at least one cellulosic filler is wood flour.

24. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein said at least one polypropylene material is in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight of said composite.

25. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein said at least one lubricant is in an amount of about 14 to about 19 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin.

26. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein said at least one polypropylene material is further comprised of at least one inorganic filler in an amount up to about 70 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene resin.

27. (new) The method of claim 26 wherein said at least one inorganic filler is in an amount of about 20 to about 60 parts per 100 parts of said polypropylene.